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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 09/01/2005, setting a three month shortened statutory period of reply, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-21 and 23-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 and 27-36 have been withdrawn pursuant to a restriction/election of species requirements.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 21 and 23-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by JP-5-78446.

Claim 21 recites certain compounds having –OCN groups.

JP-5-78446 discloses compounds containing –NCO groups.

In order to make a *prima facie* case of anticipation, the reference must disclose each limitation of the claim. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987); MPEP 2131. Among other deficiencies, the reference

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